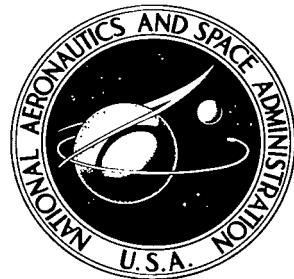


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This report describes the AVSSE II Experiment and presents tabulated rawinsonde data at 25 mb intervals from the surface to 25 mb for the 23 stations participating in the experiment. Soundings were taken between 1200 GMT, May 6, and 1200 GMT, May 7, 1975. The methods of data processing and accuracy are briefly discussed. Synoptic charts prepared from the data are presented, as well as an example of contact data.			
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DATA FOR NASA'S AVSSE II EXPERIMENT: 25 MB SOUNDING DATA AND SYNOPTIC CHARTS

I. INTRODUCTION

To date NASA has conducted four Atmospheric Variability Experiments (AVE) and two Atmospheric Variability and Severe Storm Experiments (AVSSE). The dates of these experiments, observation times, and other information are summarized in Table 1.

The data reduction program and an error analysis have been presented by Fuelberg [1]. Some changes were made in Fuelberg's original program; these are discussed in Section III of this report. Also, error estimates taken from Fuelberg's report are presented in Section IV.

The AVE experiments were conducted for the primary purpose of studying atmospheric variability with emphasis on spatial and temporal changes in the structure of the atmosphere that could be determined from soundings taken at 3 h intervals, and which would not be reflected in soundings taken at 12 h intervals. Studies have shown (Scoggins et al. [2], Overall and Scoggins [3], and Wilson and Scoggins [4]) significant variability and changes in atmospheric structure from the 3 h data not present in the 12 h data.

The primary purpose of the AVSSE experiments is to provide a data base for studying atmospheric structure and variability associated with severe storms. These data will supplement measurements made by aircraft (a program conducted by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD) in and near convective storms. The aircraft data will provide information on near-storm environments, while the AVSSE data will provide information on spatial and temporal scales between the aircraft data and normal 12 h rawinsonde sounding data.

II. THE AVSSE II EXPERIMENT

Twenty-three rawinsonde stations participated in the AVSSE II experiment. These stations are shown in Figure 1 and listed in Table 2. Soundings were taken at seven time periods -- May 6 at 1200, 1500, 1800, and 2100 GMT, and on May 7 at 0000, 0300, and 1200 GMT.

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF AVE AND AVSSE EXPERIMENTS

Experiment	Dates	Observation Times (GMT)	Data Reports
AVE I	19-22 February 1964	2/19 – 00, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18, 21 2/20 – 00, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18, 21 2/21 – 00, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18, 21 2/22 – 00, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18, 21 2/23 – 00	Scoggins and Smith [5,6]
AVE II	11-12 May 1974	5/11 – 12, 15, 18, 21 5/12 – 00, 03, 06, 09, 12	Scoggins and Turner [7] Fuelberg and Turner [8]
AVE III	6-7 February 1975	2/6 – 00, 06, 12, 15, 18, 21 2/7 – 00, 06, 12	Fuelberg and Turner [9]
AVE IV	24-25 April 1975	4/24 – 00, 06, 12, 15, 18, 21 4/25 – 00, 06, 12	Fucik and Turner [10]
AVSSE I	27-28 April 1975	4/27 – 12, 15, 18, 21 4/28 – 00, 03, 12	Fucik and Turner [11]
AVSSE II	6-7 May 1975	5/6 – 12, 15, 18, 21 5/7 – 00, 03, 12	This report

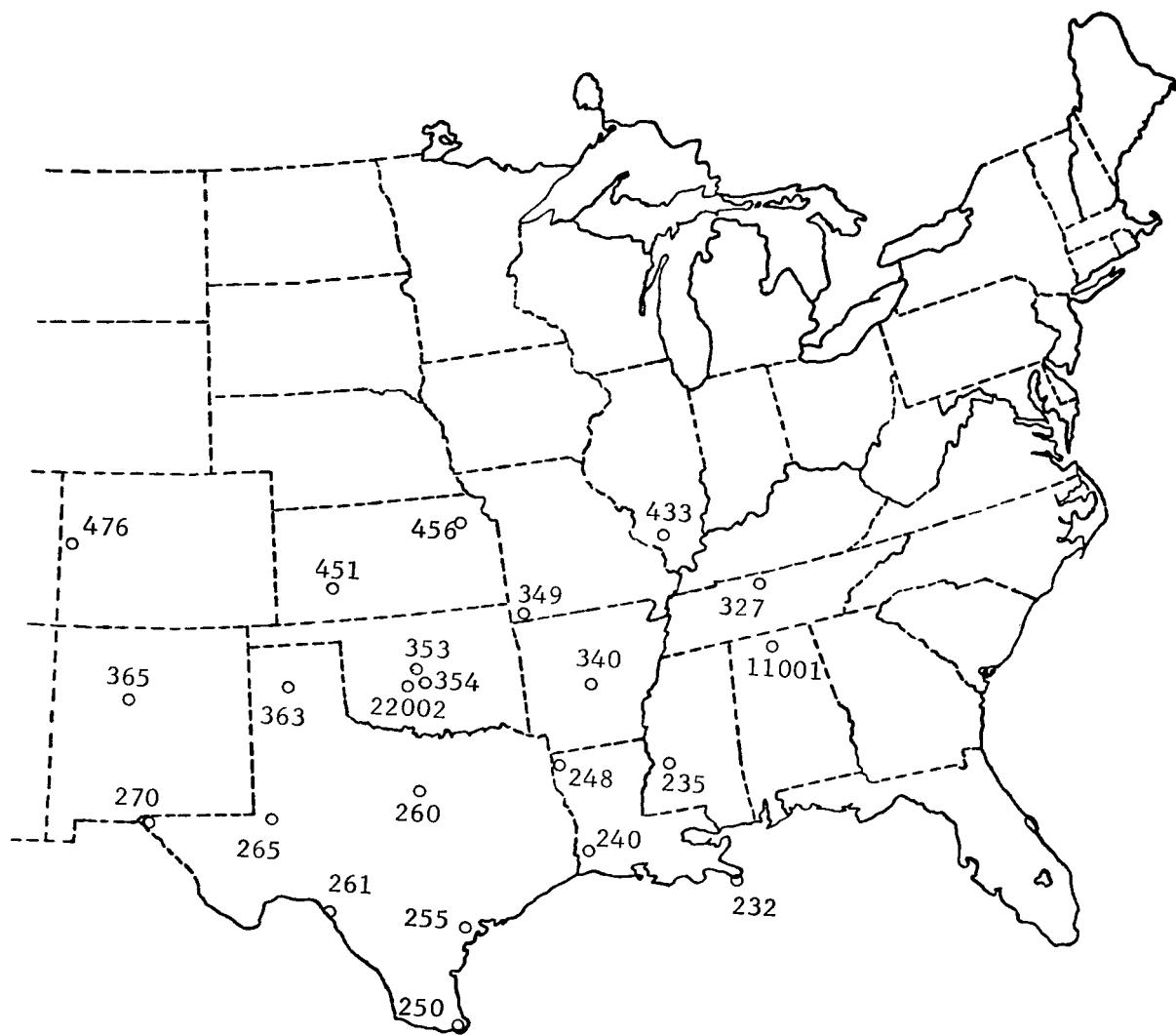


Figure 1. Rawinsonde stations participating in the AVSSE II Experiment.

TABLE 2. RAWINSONDE STATIONS PARTICIPATING
IN THE AVSSE II EXPERIMENT

Station Number	Location
232 (BVE)	Boothville, Louisiana
235 (JAN)	Jackson, Mississippi
240 (LCH)	Lake Charles, Louisiana
248 (SHV)	Shreveport, Louisiana
250 (BRO)	Brownsville, Texas
255 (VCT)	Victoria, Texas
260 (SEP)	Stephenville, Texas
261 (DRT)	Del Rio, Texas
265 (MAF)	Midland, Texas
270 (ELP)	El Paso, Texas
327 (BNA)	Nashville, Tennessee
340 (LIT)	Little Rock, Arkansas
349 (UMN)	Monett, Missouri
353 (OKC)	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
354 (TIK)	Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma
363 (AMA)	Amarillo, Texas
365 (ABQ)	Albuquerque, New Mexico
433 (SLO)	Salem, Illinois
451 (DDC)	Dodge City, Kansas
456 (TOP)	Topeka, Kansas
476 (GJT)	Grand Junction, Colorado
11001 (MFS)	Marshall Space Flight Center, Alabama
22002 (FSI)	Fort Sill, Oklahoma

III. DISCUSSION OF BASIC DATA

A. Collection

Original information from which sounding data were computed was sent to the Aerospace Environment Division, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), Alabama. Texas A&M University personnel extracted ordinate and angle data at each pressure contact and keypunched these and baseline data into cards. All sounding computations were made on an IBM 360/65 computer at Texas A&M University.

B. Methods of Processing

The procedure used to compute soundings is the same as that used on the AVE III, AVE IV, and AVSSE I data and is described by Fuelberg [1] and Fuelberg and Turner [9]. All keypunched data were checked for errors by calculating centered differences on the input data. Processed soundings were further checked by calculating centered differences of wind direction and speed and by calculating the lapse rates of temperature and dew point. All questionable data were checked with the original strip chart information and any data found to be erroneous were corrected. All known errors are listed in Table 3.

TABLE 3. KNOWN ERRORS REMAINING IN THE REDUCED DATA OF
THE AVSSE II EXPERIMENT

Station	Date/GMT	Error
240 Lake Charles, Louisiana	7/0300	No wind data.
353 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7/1200	Ground equipment problems -- very short and erratic sounding.
235 Jackson, Mississippi	6/1500	Balloon went into thunderstorm and encountered icing conditions. Sounding very short.
433 Salem, Illinois	6/1500	Irregular sounding due to ground equipment and instrument problems.

The final data sets of the AVSSE II experiment consist of data computed at each pressure contact and at 25 mb intervals. Thermodynamic quantities were computed at each pressure contact, while wind data were computed from 30 s intervals by means of centered finite differences, and subsequently smoothed and interpolated to each pressure contact. These detailed profiles were then interpolated to give the 25 mb data presented in this report.

Three important changes were made in the original computer program [1]. These changes were reflected in all soundings beginning with AVE III and remain in the program for AVSSE II: (1) Humidity values, including dew point temperature, are computed only at temperatures above -40°C; at temperatures below -40°C, humidity values are indicated by fields of nines as are missing values of humidity. The AVSSE II data contain computed moisture values down to a relative humidity of 1 percent; if the value of relative humidity is below 1 percent, it is set equal to 1 percent from which the other moisture variables are computed. (2) The second change involves the indication of winds which are based on low elevation angles. An asterisk following wind speed in the AVSSE II data means that the elevation angle was between 10° and 6°. A double asterisk indicates that the elevation angle was less than 6°. Since winds computed at low elevation angles have large rms errors, these data should be used with caution. (3) In the original computer program, 25 mb values of wind direction, scalar speed, and the u- and v-wind components were interpolated independently of each other. The program now interpolates the 25 mb values of u- and v-wind components and then determines wind direction and wind speed from the components. These changes appear in both the contact and 25 mb data.

IV. DISCUSSION OF SOUNDING DATA

A. Accuracy Estimates

Estimates of the rms errors in the thermodynamic quantities of the AVSSE II data are the same as those for all AVE experiments and those given by Fuelberg [1]. These estimates are:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Approximate rms Error</u>
Temperature	1°C
Pressure	1.3 mb from surface to 400 mb; 1.1 mb between 400 and 100 mb; 0.7 mb between 100 and 10 mb.
Humidity	10 percent
Pressure Altitude	10 gpm at 500 mb; 20 gpm at 300 mb; 50 gpm at 50 mb.

The rms errors for wind speed and direction are difficult to describe since they are a function of tracking geometry and other factors. Maximum rms errors for winds computed at 30 s intervals (based on the worst geometric tracking configuration) are: at 700 mb about 2.5 mps at an elevation angle of 10° and approximately 0.5 mps at an elevation angle of 40°; at 500 mb, 4.5 mps, and 0.8 mps for the same elevation angles; and at 300 mb, 7.8 mps, and 1.0 mps, respectively. After assuming typical values of scalar wind speed at the various levels, maximum rms errors in wind direction were determined. The maximum rms errors at 700 mb range from about 9.5° at an elevation angle of 10° to approximately 1.3° at an elevation angle of 40°. At 500 mb the errors are 13.4° and 1.8° for the same elevation angles, while at 300 mb the maximum errors are 18.0° and 2.5°, respectively. The accuracy of the wind data at pressure contacts and at 25 mb intervals is greater than that stated for the 30 s winds because of the added smoothing and interpolation performed. In addition, errors cited for the 30 s winds were maxima for the stated conditions.

B. Tabulated Data

An example of AVSSE II contact data is given in Table 4. An explanation of the column headings is given in Table 5, and a list of missing soundings is given in Table 6. In Table 4, the first line of data for the time of 0.0 min is surface data. A series of nines is used to indicate missing data. The three numbers in the upper right-hand side of each page are the number of pressure contacts computed, the minimum pressure obtained (mb), and an angle identifier with the value 0 for 30 s angle input and 1 for 1 min angle input. The contact data are available in paper form or on magnetic tape from the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Aerospace Environment Division, Space Sciences Laboratory, Marshall Space Flight Center, Alabama 35812.

The contact data interpolated for 25 mb intervals are presented in the appendix. The column headings are identical to those used for the contact data and are described in Table 5. The soundings are arranged by time and appear in ascending order by station number for each time. The first line of data indicates the surface report which is followed by data from 1000 to 25 mb. In cases where the surface pressure is less than the given 25 mb pressure value, missing data (nines) are indicated for each quantity. This is also done when the sounding terminates before the 25 mb level is reached.

V. SYNOPTIC CHARTS

Synoptic charts for the beginning and ending of the observational period at the surface and 700 mb levels are presented in Figures 2 through 5. These maps are intended to depict the overall synoptic features during the observational period and should be reanalyzed when accuracy is a key factor.

TABLE 4. EXAMPLE OF CONTACT DATA

STATION NO. 232 BOOTHVILLE, LA															157	18.	1.
6 MAY 1975 1115 GMT																	
ANGLES ON THE HALF MINUTE HAVE BEEN LINEARLY INTERPOLATED FROM WHOLE MINUTE VALUES																	
TIME	CNTCT	HEIGHT	PRES	TEMP	DEW PT	DIR	SPEED	U COMP	V COMP	POT T	E POT T	MX RTO	RH	RANGE	AZ		
MIN		GFM	MB	DG C	DG C	DG	M/SEC	M/SEC	M/SEC	DG K	DG K	GM/KG	PCT	KM	DG		
0.0	5.3	1.0	1007.4	23.9	22.5	170.0	5.2	-0.9	5.1	298.8	344.0	17.3	92.0	0.0	0.		
0.1	6.0	30.7	1024.0	23.9	22.9	26.1	3.7	-1.6	-3.3	299.1	345.5	17.8	94.1	1.0	345.		
0.3	7.0	118.6	994.0	23.4	22.0	26.1	3.7	-1.6	-3.3	299.4	344.0	17.1	92.1	1.0	345.		
0.6	8.0	216.2	983.0	22.7	21.4	47.6	2.4	-1.8	-1.6	299.5	343.1	16.6	92.4	1.0	344.		
0.9	9.0	314.5	972.0	21.8	20.4	148.2	4.1	-2.2	3.5	299.5	340.9	15.8	91.9	0.9	342.		
1.2	10.0	413.6	961.0	21.3	17.9	164.7	8.9	-2.4	8.6	299.7	335.6	13.6	80.5	1.1	342.		
1.6	11.0	531.9	948.0	21.1	14.1	169.9	13.9	-2.4	13.7	300.3	329.1	10.7	64.1	1.4	344.		
1.9	12.0	623.9	938.0	21.1	12.3	169.6	13.6	-2.5	13.4	301.0	327.1	9.6	56.9	1.6	345.		
2.3	13.0	726.1	927.0	20.9	12.0	167.8	13.7	-2.9	13.4	301.8	327.8	9.6	56.6	2.0	345.		
2.6	14.0	829.4	916.0	20.7	10.4	166.8	13.8	-3.1	13.4	302.5	326.4	8.7	51.8	2.2	346.		
2.9	15.0	924.4	906.0	20.7	8.3	167.1	13.7	-3.1	13.4	303.3	324.3	7.6	44.8	2.5	346.		
3.3	16.0	1040.3	893.0	21.1	1.4	167.7	12.2	-2.6	11.9	304.6	318.2	4.7	26.9	2.8	346.		
3.6	17.0	1155.4	882.0	20.9	2.8	168.4	11.1	-2.2	10.8	305.5	320.7	5.3	30.2	3.0	346.		
4.0	18.0	1254.9	872.0	20.7	2.3	169.7	10.4	-1.9	10.2	306.3	321.2	5.2	29.7	3.2	346.		
4.3	19.0	1354.4	862.0	20.2	1.5	170.7	9.9	-1.6	9.7	306.8	321.0	4.9	28.6	3.4	346.		
4.6	20.0	1454.8	852.0	19.6	-1.6	169.4	9.3	-1.7	9.2	307.0	318.7	4.0	23.9	3.6	347.		
5.1	21.0	1576.6	840.0	18.9	-6.1	157.8	8.9	-3.3	8.2	307.4	316.0	2.9	17.7	3.8	347.		
5.4	22.0	1679.1	830.0	18.1	-6.2	150.6	9.3	-4.6	8.1	307.6	316.2	2.9	18.5	4.0	346.		
5.7	23.0	1782.5	820.0	17.2	-3.8	146.0	9.5	-5.3	7.8	307.8	318.2	3.5	23.4	4.2	345.		
6.1	24.0	1887.0	810.0	16.4	-4.5	142.3	9.5	-5.8	7.5	308.0	318.0	3.4	23.4	4.4	344.		
6.4	25.0	1981.8	801.0	15.4	-3.5	141.5	9.5	-5.9	7.4	307.9	318.8	3.7	27.0	4.6	343.		
6.9	26.0	2010.5	789.0	14.8	-1.8	144.2	9.4	-5.5	7.6	308.7	321.1	4.2	31.7	4.8	342.		
7.2	27.0	2217.3	779.0	14.6	-4.4	148.3	9.3	-4.9	7.9	309.5	320.0	3.5	26.5	5.0	341.		
7.6	28.0	2326.3	769.0	14.0	-5.2	155.8	9.1	-3.7	8.3	310.0	320.1	3.4	25.9	5.2	341.		
7.9	29.0	2425.3	760.0	12.8	-6.8	162.9	9.0	-2.6	8.6	309.7	318.8	3.0	24.8	5.4	340.		
8.3	30.0	2525.2	751.0	12.0	-4.0	173.2	9.2	-1.1	9.2	310.0	321.2	3.8	32.2	5.6	341.		
8.6	31.0	2637.3	741.0	11.5	-2.7	180.4	9.8	0.1	9.8	310.7	323.2	4.3	37.1	5.7	341.		
9.0	32.0	2739.3	732.0	10.9	-2.2	188.3	10.9	1.6	10.8	311.1	324.3	4.5	39.8	5.9	342.		
9.3	33.0	2842.5	723.0	10.5	-2.2	193.8	11.7	2.8	11.3	311.8	325.1	4.5	40.7	6.1	343.		
9.6	34.0	2958.3	713.0	9.6	-3.4	199.3	12.3	4.0	11.6	312.0	324.4	4.2	39.8	6.3	344.		
10.0	35.0	3063.6	704.0	8.9	-5.4	206.5	12.8	5.7	11.5	312.3	323.2	3.6	35.9	6.6	346.		
10.4	36.0	3193.9	693.0	8.3	-7.9	214.5	12.5	7.3	10.6	313.0	322.2	3.0	30.8	6.8	348.		
10.7	37.0	3311.7	684.0	7.8	-11.3	220.2	12.6	8.2	9.7	313.5	320.7	2.4	24.4	7.0	349.		
11.1	38.0	3410.7	675.0	6.9	-9.7	227.5	12.4	9.1	8.4	313.7	322.0	2.7	29.4	7.2	351.		
11.4	39.0	3520.9	666.0	6.2	-6.3	231.8	12.2	9.6	7.5	314.2	325.0	3.6	40.2	7.3	353.		
11.8	40.0	3632.2	657.0	5.0	-2.1	235.1	12.3	10.1	7.0	314.3	329.1	5.0	60.4	7.4	355.		
12.2	41.0	3770.0	646.0	4.1	-0.5	237.6	12.6	10.7	6.8	314.9	331.9	5.8	72.2	7.5	357.		
12.5	42.0	3871.4	638.0	3.1	-1.2	239.4	13.0	11.2	6.6	314.8	331.1	5.5	73.2	7.7	358.		
12.9	43.0	3986.5	629.0	2.2	-3.5	244.2	13.6	12.2	5.9	315.0	329.1	4.7	65.7	7.8	360.		
13.2	44.0	4102.9	620.0	1.4	-4.3	251.2	14.6	13.8	4.7	315.4	328.8	4.5	65.4	7.9	2.		
13.6	45.0	4207.5	612.0	0.8	-6.7	258.2	16.0	15.7	3.3	315.7	327.1	3.8	57.1	8.0	4.		
14.0	46.0	4326.4	603.0	0.3	-14.1	263.7	17.9	17.8	2.0	316.2	322.9	2.1	33.0	8.1	7.		
14.4	47.0	4433.3	595.0	-0.9	-15.1	267.5	20.0	20.0	0.9	316.1	322.4	2.0	33.0	8.2	10.		
14.7	48.0	4541.3	587.0	-1.5	-15.9	269.8	21.5	21.5	0.1	316.6	322.5	1.9	32.2	8.3	13.		
15.0	49.0	4664.1	578.0	-2.6	-17.7	271.7	22.9	22.9	-0.7	316.7	321.9	1.6	30.0	8.4	15.		

* BY SPEED MEANS ELEVATION ANGLE BETWEEN 6 AND 10 DEG

* BY TEMP MEANS TEMPERATURE OR TIME HAVE BEEN INTERPOLATED

** BY SPEED MEANS ELEVATION ANGLE LESS THAN 6 DEG

TABLE 4. (Continued)

STATION NO. 232 BOOTHVILLE, LA																
6 MAY 1975 1115 GMT																
ANGLES ON THE HALF MINUTE HAVE BEEN LINEARLY INTERPOLATED FROM WHOLE MINUTE VALUES																
TIME	CNTCT	HEIGHT	PRES	TEMP	DEW PT	DIR	SPEED	U COMP	V CCMP	POT T	E POT T	MX RTO	RH	RANGE	AZ	
MIN		GFM	MB	DG C	DG C	DG	M/SFC	M/SEC	M/SEC	DG K	DG K	GM/KG	PCT	KM	DG	
15.4	50.0	4774.5	570.0	-3.2	-19.3	273.2	24.3	24.3	-1.4	317.2	321.9	1.5	27.6	8.6	19.	
15.8	51.0	4914.4	560.0	-4.0	-21.6	273.0	25.2	25.2	-1.3	317.8	321.8	1.2	23.8	8.7	23.	
16.2	52.0	5027.7	552.0	-5.2	-22.1	271.7	25.8	25.8	-0.8	317.7	321.5	1.2	25.0	8.9	27.	
16.6	53.0	5142.1	544.0	-6.1	-22.9	269.9	26.1	26.1	0.0	317.9	321.6	1.1	25.0	9.2	30.	
16.9	54.0	5257.9	536.0	-7.3	-23.9	269.0	26.2	26.2	0.5	317.8	321.2	1.0	25.1	9.5	33.	
17.2	55.0	5360.0	529.0	-8.6	-24.5	268.5	26.2	26.2	0.7	317.4	320.7	1.0	26.2	9.8	35.	
17.7	56.0	5507.6	519.0	-9.9	-24.5	268.5	26.2	26.2	0.7	317.6	320.9	1.0	29.2	10.3	39.	
18.1	57.0	5627.2	511.0	-10.8	-24.5	268.9	26.2	26.2	0.5	316.0	321.4	1.0	31.4	10.7	41.	
18.5	58.0	5733.0	504.0	-12.0	-24.6	269.3	26.2	26.2	0.3	317.8	321.2	1.0	34.1	11.1	44.	
18.9	59.0	5855.2	496.0	-13.2	-24.4	269.9	26.0	26.0	0.0	317.7	321.3	1.1	38.4	11.6	46.	
19.3	60.0	5978.8	488.0	-14.5	-25.1	270.6	26.0	26.0	-0.3	317.7	321.0	1.0	39.9	12.0	48.	
19.7	61.0	6178.2	481.0	-15.3	-25.2	271.3	26.2	26.2	-0.6	317.9	321.3	1.0	42.1	12.5	50.	
20.0	62.0	6198.8	474.0	-16.1	-28.4	271.7	26.4	26.4	-0.8	318.2	320.8	0.8	33.6	12.5	51.	
20.4	63.0	6326.7	466.0	-17.1	-32.2	272.2	26.6	26.6	-1.0	318.6	320.4	0.5	25.5	13.3	53.	
20.9	64.0	6440.3	459.0	-16.8	-42.4	272.6	26.3	26.3	-1.2	320.2	320.9	0.2	8.7	14.0	55.	
21.2	65.0	6555.7	452.0	-16.8	-43.4	272.5	26.0	25.9	-1.2	321.6	322.3	0.2	7.9	14.3	56.	
21.7	66.0	6706.5	443.0	-17.6	-46.1	272.1	25.4	25.4	-1.0	322.5	323.0	0.1	6.2	15.0	58.	
22.1	67.0	6822.5	436.0	-18.3	-46.5	271.6	25.1	25.1	-0.7	323.1	323.6	0.1	6.3	15.5	59.	
22.6	68.0	6946.2	429.0	-19.1	-46.9	271.2	24.9	24.9	-0.5	323.5	324.0	0.1	6.4	16.1	61.	
23.1	69.0	7168.4	422.0	-19.8	-47.3	271.3	24.8	24.8	-0.6	324.2	324.6	0.1	6.5	16.7	62.	
23.4	70.0	7174.6	416.0	-19.9	-47.4	272.6	25.0	24.9	-1.1	325.3	325.8	0.1	6.6	17.1	63.	
23.9	71.0	7318.4	408.0	-20.9	-47.9	275.7	25.6	25.5	-2.6	325.9	326.4	0.1	6.7	17.8	64.	
24.3	72.0	7464.5	400.0	-21.8	-48.4	279.0	26.5	26.1	-4.1	326.6	327.0	0.1	6.9	18.3	65.	
24.7	73.0	7575.5	394.0	-22.8	-44.2	281.9	27.5	26.9	-5.7	326.8	327.5	0.2	12.0	18.9	66.	
25.1	74.0	7687.9	388.0	-23.8	-37.9	284.2	28.7	27.9	-7.0	326.8	328.2	0.4	25.8	19.4	67.	
25.5	75.0	7827.7	381.0	-24.2	-38.2	285.4	30.0	28.9	-8.0	328.0	329.3	0.4	25.8	19.9	69.	
25.9	76.0	7955.7	374.0	-25.4	-39.2	285.8	31.0	29.8	-8.4	328.2	329.4	0.3	25.9	20.5	70.	
26.2	77.0	8072.8	368.0	-26.6	-42.2	285.8	31.6	30.4	-8.6	328.1	329.0	0.2	21.2	21.0	71.	
26.7	78.0	8191.3	362.0	-27.6	-44.8	285.2	32.7	31.6	-8.6	328.3	329.0	0.2	17.5	21.8	72.	
27.1	79.0	8311.2	356.0	-28.6	-45.9	284.2	33.8	32.8	-8.3	328.6	329.2	0.2	17.0	22.4	73.	
27.5	80.0	8453.2	349.0	-29.6	-48.2	283.1	35.1	34.1	-7.9	329.0	329.5	0.1	14.3	23.2	74.	
28.0	81.0	8557.4	342.0	-30.8	-49.1	281.9	36.5	35.7	-7.5	329.3	329.8	0.1	14.5	24.1	76.	
28.4	82.0	8722.8	336.0	-31.8	-49.9	281.5	37.4	36.6	-7.4	329.6	330.0	0.1	14.6	24.9	76.	
28.9	83.0	8849.8	330.0	-33.2	-50.9	281.9	37.9	37.1	-7.8	329.5	329.9	0.1	14.8	26.0	77.	
29.2	84.0	8973.5	324.0	-34.3	-51.8	282.6	38.2	37.2	-8.3	329.6	329.9	0.1	14.9	26.6	78.	
29.7	85.0	9109.1	318.0	-35.0	-52.3	283.8	38.8	37.7	-9.2	330.4	330.8	0.1	15.0	27.6	79.	
30.2	86.0	9264.9	311.0	-36.1	-53.2	284.8	39.7	38.4	-10.1	331.0	331.4	0.1	15.1	28.7	80.	
30.6	87.0	9376.3	306.0	-37.0	-53.2	285.5	40.2	38.8	-10.8	331.3	331.6	0.1	16.6	29.6	81.	
31.1	88.0	9513.1	300.0	-37.9	-53.9	286.6	39.9	39.2	-11.4	331.8	332.1	0.1	16.7	30.7	82.	
31.5	89.0	9628.7	295.0	-38.6	-54.4	287.6	39.4	37.5	-11.9	332.5	332.8	0.1	16.7	31.6	83.	
32.0	90.0	9769.5	289.0	-39.8	-55.4	288.2	39.5	37.5	-12.4	332.7	333.0	0.1	16.9	32.6	83.	
32.5	91.0	9886.6	284.0	-40.8	-59.9	287.5	41.0	39.1	-12.3	333.1	999.9	999.9	999.9	33.7	84.	
32.9	92.0	10009.2	279.0	-41.7	-59.9	286.0	42.7	41.1	-11.8	333.4	999.9	999.9	999.9	34.6	85.	
33.4	93.0	10156.2	273.0	-42.8	-59.9	284.2	44.3	43.0	-10.9	333.9	999.9	999.9	999.9	35.9	86.	
33.9	94.0	10280.6	268.0	-43.9	-59.9	282.8	45.0	43.9	-10.0	334.1	999.9	999.9	999.9	37.2	86.	

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TIME MIN	CNTCT GFM	HEIGHT M8	PRES DG C	TEMP DG C	DEW PT DG C	DIR DG	SPEED M/SEC	U COMP M/SEC	V CCMP M/SEC	POT T DG K	E POT T DG K	MX RTO GM/KG	RH PCT	RANGE KM	AZ DG
34.4	95.3	19406.9	263.0	-44.5	99.9	282.0	45.4	44.4	-9.4	335.1	999.9	99.9	999.9	38.4	87.
34.9	96.0	10561.1	257.0	-45.8	99.9	291.8	45.2	44.3	-9.3	335.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	39.8	87.
35.3	97.0	10691.6	252.0	-46.9	99.9	282.3	44.6	43.6	-9.5	335.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	40.9	88.
35.8	98.0	10824.1	247.0	-47.9	99.9	293.7	43.6	42.3	-10.3	336.0	999.9	99.9	999.9	42.2	88.
36.3	99.0	10954.6	242.0	-49.4	99.9	295.3	43.0	41.4	-11.3	335.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	43.4	89.
36.7	100.1	11095.3	237.0	-50.1	99.9	296.5	42.7	41.0	-12.1	336.7	999.9	99.9	999.9	44.4	89.
37.3	101.0	11262.3	231.0	-51.3	99.9	289.1	42.2	40.1	-13.1	337.3	999.9	99.9	999.9	45.8	90.
37.9	102.0	11414.3	226.0	-51.9	99.9	289.7	41.2	38.8	-13.9	338.5	999.9	99.9	999.9	47.3	90.
38.3	103.0	11519.9	222.0	-52.7	99.9	290.1	41.6	39.1	-14.3	339.1	999.9	99.9	999.9	48.2	91.
38.9	104.0	11666.6	217.0	-53.8	99.9	289.1	45.3	42.8	-14.8	339.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	49.5	91.
39.4	105.0	11785.9	213.0	-54.7	99.9	297.8	49.8	47.4	-15.2	340.0	999.9	99.9	999.9	50.9	92.
39.9	106.0	11937.5	208.0	-55.8	99.9	297.4	52.4	50.0	-15.7	340.5	999.9	99.9	999.9	52.5	92.
40.4	107.0	12067.8	204.0	-56.8	99.9	287.4	53.5	51.1	-16.0	340.9	999.9	99.9	999.9	54.0	93.
40.8	108.0	12186.0	200.0	-58.0	99.9	287.1	54.4	52.0	-16.0	341.0	999.9	99.9	999.9	55.2	93.
41.2	109.0	12312.9	196.0	-59.3	99.9	286.6	55.4	53.1	-15.8	340.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	56.5	93.
41.7	110.0	12474.3	191.0	-60.4	99.9	286.3	56.2	54.0	-15.7	341.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	58.2	94.
42.3	111.0	12639.3	186.0	-61.3	99.9	286.8	55.7	53.3	-16.1	342.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	60.2	94.
42.8	112.0	12773.8	182.0	-62.7	99.9	288.1	53.0	50.4	-16.4	342.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	61.9	94.
43.2	113.0	12910.3	178.0	-64.0	99.9	289.0	50.6	47.9	-16.4	342.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	63.1	95.
43.7	114.0	13040.2	174.0	-65.0	99.9	288.7	50.6	47.9	-16.2	343.3	999.9	99.9	999.9	64.3	95.
44.3	115.0	13190.8	170.0	-65.8	99.9	286.1	55.7	53.5	-15.5	344.3	999.9	99.9	999.9	66.1	95.
44.9	116.0	13371.9	165.0	-66.6	99.9	283.8	56.5	56.8	-13.9	345.9	999.9	99.9	999.9	68.4	96.
45.4	117.0	13520.2	161.0	-66.8	99.9	282.2	56.0	54.7	-11.8	348.0	999.9	99.9	999.9	70.1	96.
45.9	118.0	13633.9	158.0	-66.8	99.9	280.1	51.9	51.1	-9.1	349.9	999.9	99.9	999.9	71.7	96.
46.4	119.0	13789.1	154.0	-66.2	99.9	278.3	48.4	47.9	-7.0	353.5	999.9	99.9	999.9	73.2	96.
47.0	120.0	13940.4	150.0	-64.4	99.9	277.6	45.6*	45.2	-6.0	359.1	999.9	99.9	999.9	74.9	96.
47.6	121.0	14073.4	147.0	-62.9	99.9	277.1	45.7*	45.4	-5.7	363.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	76.4	96.
48.2	122.0	14243.8	143.0	-61.4	99.9	275.9	47.2*	47.0	-4.8	369.3	999.9	99.9	999.9	78.1	96.
48.8	123.0	14375.5	140.0	-60.9	99.9	275.9	48.8*	48.5	-5.0	372.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	79.8	96.
49.4	124.0	14555.9	136.0	-60.4	99.9	277.2	48.5*	48.1	-6.1	376.5	999.9	99.9	999.9	81.7	96.
50.0	125.0	14694.9	133.0	-60.4	99.9	277.7	45.2*	44.8	-6.1	378.9	999.9	99.9	999.9	83.4	96.
50.6	126.0	14824.7	129.0	-61.6	99.9	278.4	41.8*	41.4	-6.1	380.0	999.9	99.9	999.9	84.9	96.
51.2	127.0	15030.2	126.0	-62.4	99.9	280.1	41.5*	40.8	-7.2	381.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	86.3	96.
51.8	128.0	15229.2	122.0	-62.7	99.9	280.0	42.2*	41.5	-7.3	384.1	999.9	99.9	999.9	87.9	96.
52.3	129.0	15382.5	119.0	-63.3	99.9	278.0	41.0*	40.6	-5.7	385.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	89.2	96.
52.9	130.0	15539.4	116.0	-63.5	99.9	276.0	36.8*	36.7	-3.2	388.3	999.9	99.9	999.9	90.7	96.
53.5	131.0	15754.9	112.0	-63.5	99.9	272.3	31.2*	31.2	-1.3	392.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	91.9	96.
54.1	132.0	15921.1	109.0	-65.0	99.9	271.7	28.6*	28.5	-1.8	392.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	92.8	96.
54.7	133.0	16090.6	106.0	-66.6	99.9	274.3	28.9*	28.8	-2.2	392.5	999.9	99.9	999.9	93.8	96.
55.2	134.0	16263.9	113.0	-67.6	99.9	278.2	28.1*	27.8	-4.0	393.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	94.8	96.
55.7	135.0	16441.5	100.0	-68.6	99.9	283.3	24.4*	23.8	-5.6	395.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	95.7	96.
56.4	136.0	16623.7	97.0	-69.3	99.9	290.7	19.8*	18.5	-7.0	397.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	96.4	96.
57.1	137.0	16874.1	93.0	-71.0	99.9	290.8	22.0*	20.6	-7.8	398.7	999.9	99.9	999.9	97.1	97.
57.8	138.0	17067.4	90.0	-72.2	99.9	297.5	25.0*	23.8	-7.5	400.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	98.2	97.
58.6	139.0	17266.0	87.0	-70.8	99.9	286.2	24.6*	23.6	-6.8	406.9	999.9	99.9	999.9	99.4	97.

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TIME MIN	CNTCT	HEIGHT GFM	PRES MB	TEMP DG C	DEW PT DG C	DIR DG	SPEED M/SFC	U COMP M/SEC	V COMP M/SEC	POT T DG K	E POT T DG K	MX RTO GM/KG	RH PCT	RANGE KM	AZ DG
59.3	140.0	17546.9	83.0	-70.8	99.9	290.5	18.0*	16.9	-6.3	412.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.5	97.
60.1	141.0	17764.4	80.0	-72.2	99.9	288.7	10.4*	9.9	-3.3	413.9	999.9	99.9	999.9	101.0	97.
60.9	142.0	17990.0	77.0	-71.2	99.9	265.0	9.8*	9.7	0.8	420.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	101.4	97.
61.7	143.0	19225.1	74.0	-71.0	99.9	264.8	11.4*	11.3	1.0	425.7	999.9	99.9	999.9	101.9	97.
62.7	144.0	19557.6	70.0	-66.8	99.9	291.1	11.3*	10.6	-4.0	441.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	102.6	97.
63.6	145.0	18923.6	67.0	-65.0	99.9	310.0	7.5*	6.7	-4.8	451.0	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.2	97.
64.5	146.0	19112.4	64.0	-65.8	99.9	63.8	4.6*	-3.6	-1.8	455.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.2	97.
65.5	147.0	19394.7	61.0	-64.8	99.9	24.5	4.0*	-1.6	-3.6	463.7	999.9	99.9	999.9	102.8	97.
66.6	148.0	19705.3	58.0	-60.9	99.9	278.5	9.0	8.9	-1.3	479.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.5	97.
67.6	149.0	20035.2	55.0	-61.3	99.9	107.5	9.9	-9.5	3.0	485.7	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.4	97.
68.8	150.0	20385.4	52.0	-58.8	99.9	89.1	5.9	-5.9	-0.1	499.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	102.6	97.
69.9	151.0	21759.0	49.0	-58.1	99.9	320.5	4.0	2.5	-3.1	509.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	102.4	97.
71.1	152.0	21157.2	46.0	-57.8	99.9	307.7	3.0	2.3	-1.8	519.5	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.0	97.
72.5	153.0	21584.1	43.0	-56.3	99.9	301.1	6.1	5.2	-3.1	533.3	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.0	97.
73.8	154.0	22043.6	40.0	-56.2	99.9	370.9	6.4	3.1	-5.6	544.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.4	98.
75.2	155.0	22714.5	36.0	-55.4	99.9	134.1	5.9	2.6	-5.3	563.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.9	98.
76.7	156.0	23272.2	33.0	-53.3	99.9	286.3	2.8	2.7	-0.8	583.2	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.8	98.
78.4	157.0	23891.3	30.0	-49.5	99.9	63.1	3.2	-2.8	-1.4	609.7	999.9	99.9	999.9	104.2	98.
80.1	158.0	24582.2	27.0	-49.1	99.9	320.1	9.8	6.3	-7.5	629.6	999.9	99.9	999.9	104.7	98.
81.9	159.0	25354.3	24.0	-49.7	99.9	72.9	5.7	-5.5	-1.7	649.4	999.9	99.9	999.9	104.9	99.
84.4	160.0	26230.4	21.0	-48.6	99.9	167.5	2.7	-0.6	2.7	677.8	999.9	99.9	999.9	103.9	98.
87.0	161.0	27256.7	18.0	-43.1	99.9	999.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	725.9	999.9	99.9	999.9	999.9	999.

TABLE 5. EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS OF TABULATED
SOUNDING DATA FOR THE AVSSE II EXPERIMENT

TIME (MIN)	Time after balloon release.
CNTCT	Contact number.
HEIGHT (GPM)	Height of corresponding pressure surface in geopotential meters.
PRES (MB)	Pressure in millibars.
TEMP (DG C)	Ambient temperature in degrees Celsius. Note: An asterisk indicates that time from release and/or temperature were linearly interpolated.
DEW PT (DG C)	Dew point temperature in degrees Celsius.
DIR (DG)	Wind direction measured clockwise from true north and is the direction from which the wind is blowing.
SPEED (M/SEC)	Scalar wind speed in meters per second. Note: An asterisk indicates that wind quantities are based on an elevation angle that is between 10° and 6°. A double asterisk indicates that the elevation angle is less than 6°.
U COMP (M/SEC)	The E-W wind component, positive toward the east and negative toward the west.
V COMP (M/SEC)	The N-S wind component, positive toward the north and negative toward the south.
POT T (DG K)	Potential temperature in degrees Kelvin.
E POT T (DG K)	Equivalent potential temperature in degrees Kelvin.
MX RTO (GM/KG)	Mixing ratio in grams per kilogram.
RH (PCT)	Relative humidity in percent.
RANGE (KM)	Distance balloon is from release point along a radius vector.
AZ (DG)	Direction toward balloon measured clockwise from true north.

TABLE 6. LIST OF MISSING SOUNDINGS

Station	Date/GMT	Reason for Omission
232 Boothville, Louisiana	6/1500	Sounding not taken.
340 Little Rock, Arkansas	7/0300	Thermistor ice coated; data inaccurate.
354 Tinker AFB, Oklahoma	6/1200 6/1500 6/1800 7/1200	Soundings not taken.
22002 Fort Sill, Oklahoma	7/1200	Sounding not taken.

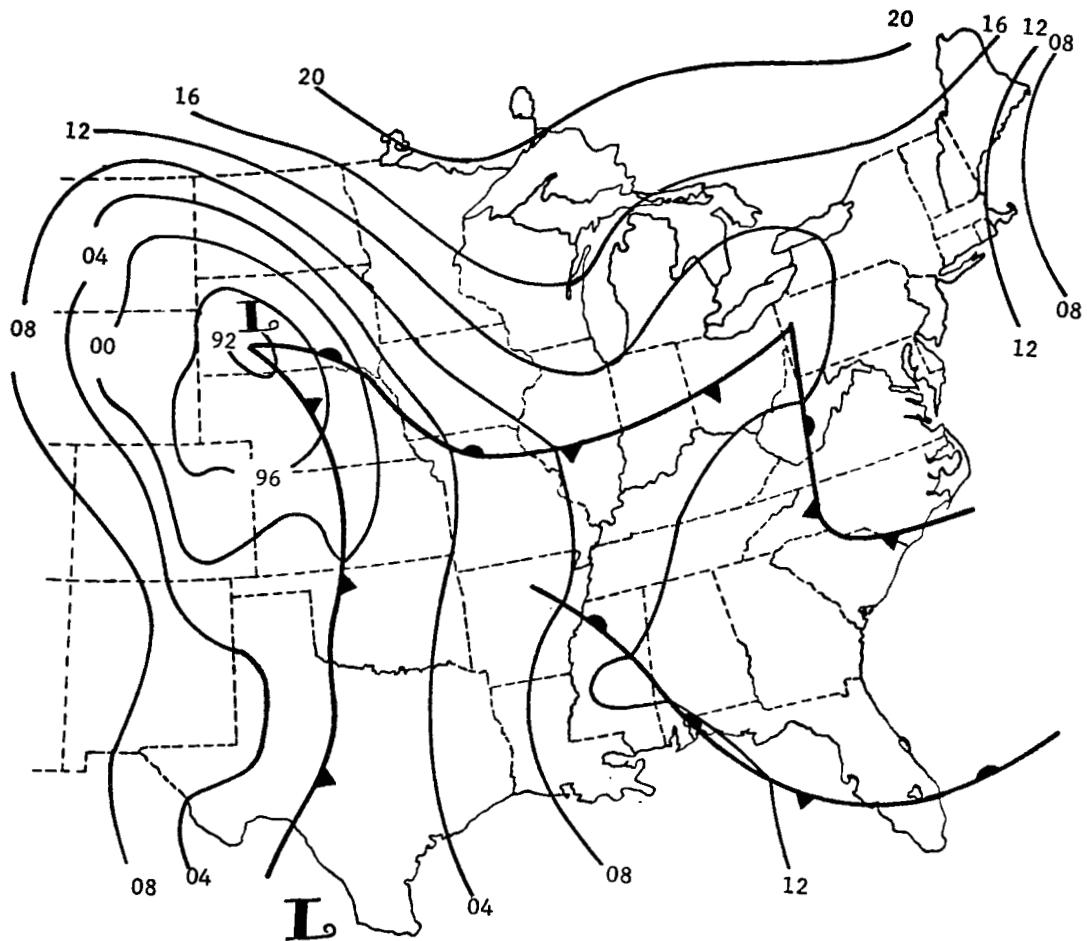


Figure 2. Synoptic chart for the surface at 1200 GMT, 6 May 1975.

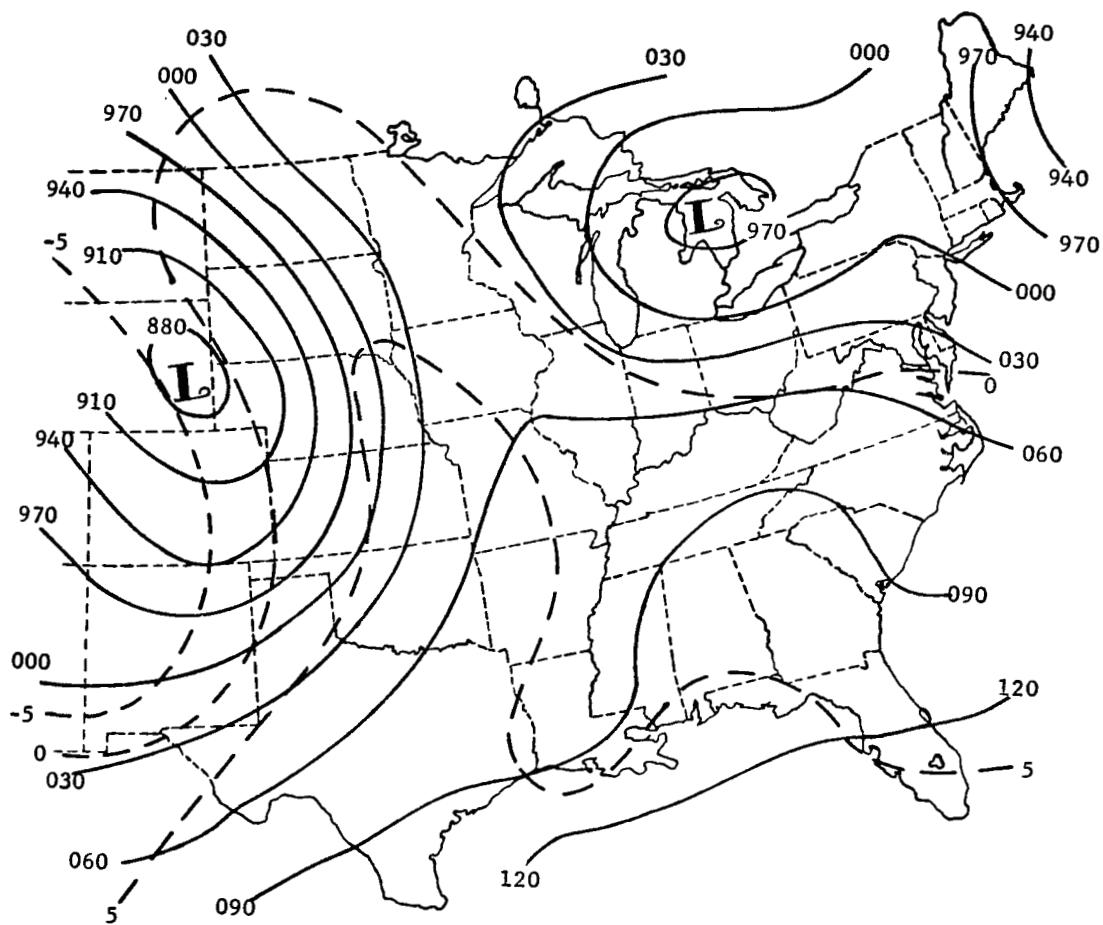


Figure 3. Synoptic chart for the 700 mb level at 1200 GMT, 6 May 1975.

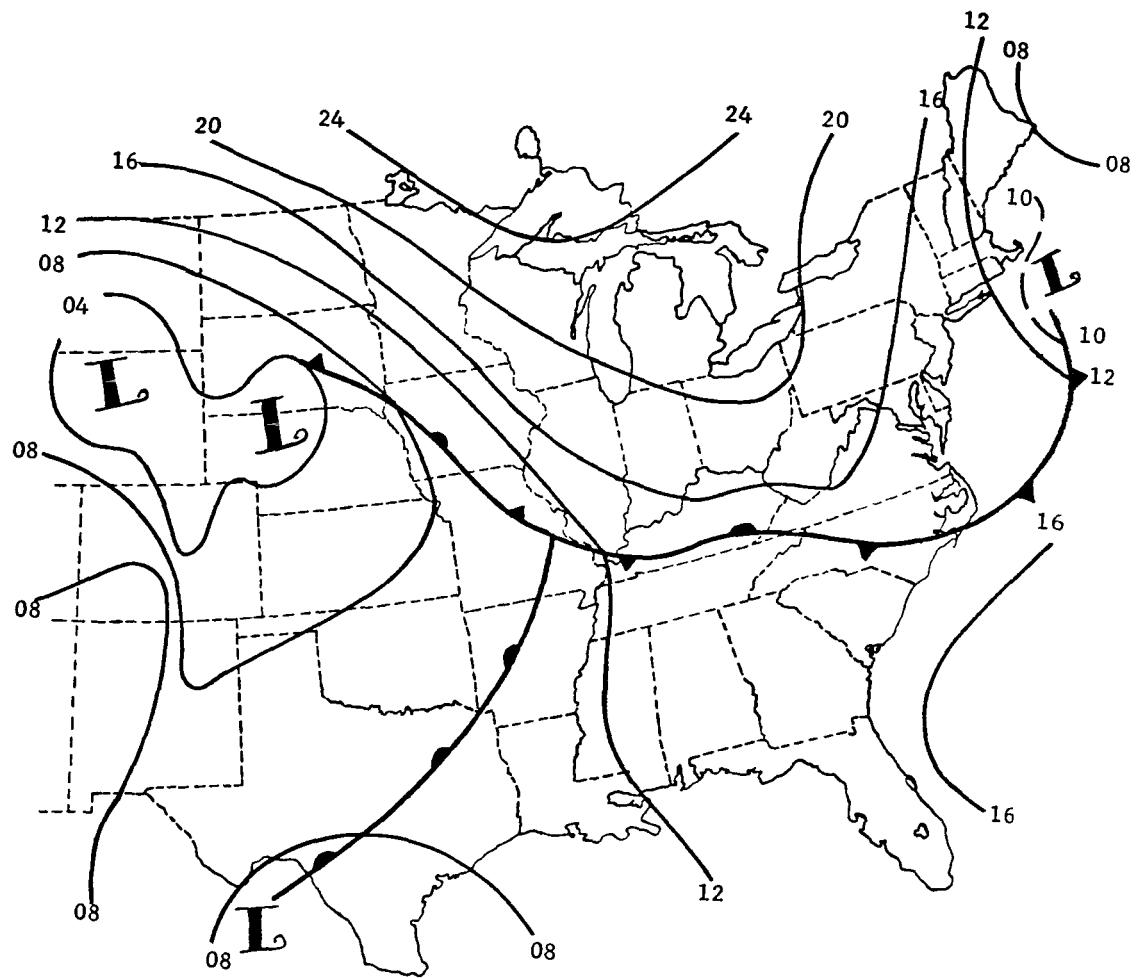


Figure 4. Synoptic chart for the surface at 1500 GMT, 7 May 1975.
(1200 GMT chart not available.)

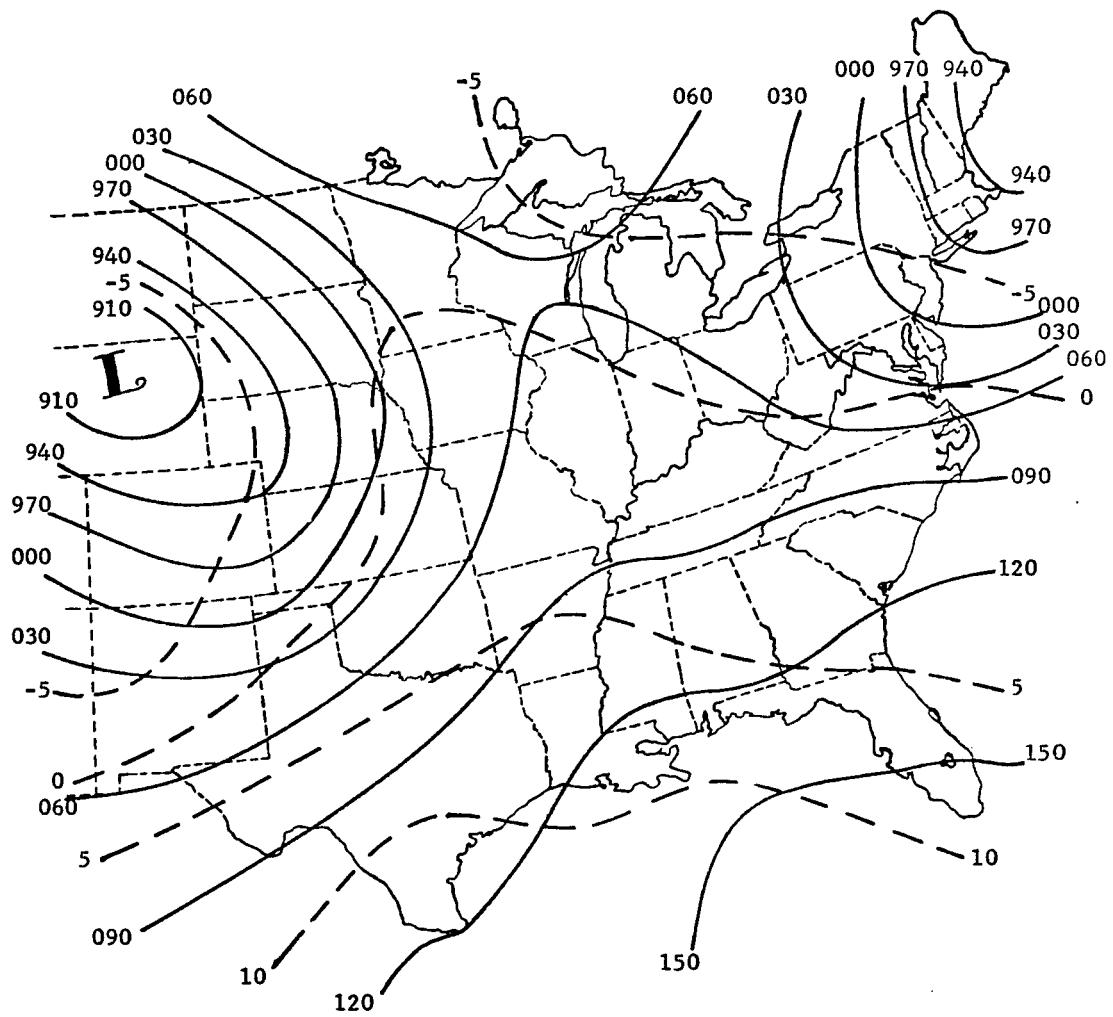


Figure 5. Synoptic chart for the 700 mb level at 1200 GMT, 7 May 1975.

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APPENDIX

SOUNDING DATA

These data are presented on microfiche as follows:

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27 April 1975, 1200 GMT	20
6 May 1975, 1500 GMT	42
6 May 1975, 1800 GMT	63
6 May 1975, 2100 GMT	85
7 May 1975, 0000 GMT	108
7 May 1975, 0300 GMT	131
7 May 1975, 1200 GMT	153